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Final

Heritage Barrie Committee

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 | **6:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Affordability Committee on October 18, 2023.

Present:	7 -	Councillor C. Riepma
		Vice Chair C. Froese
		C. Colebatch
		C. Kosokowsky
		K. MacKinnon
		S. Mackinnon
		P. Stevenson
Absent:	3 -	Councillor A.M. Kungl
		D. Exel
		S. Marchant

STAFF
Supervisor of Growth Management, T. Wierzba
Planner, L. Munnoch
Legislative Coordinator, S. Drury
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*

Pauline Stevenson, member of the Heritage Barrie Committee declared a potential pecuniary interest with respect to the discussion related to permission to alter a designated heritage property - 142 Collingwood Street, as she is the owner of the property. She did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter, but remained in the Sir Robert Barrie Room. She rolled back her chair from the table.

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, advised that he received a request for permission to alter a designated heritage property, 142 Collingwood Street. Mr. Wierzba discussed the proposed alterations. Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr. Wierzba and received responses. Members of the Committee asked questions of Ms. Stevenson and received responses.

Mr. Wierzba provided an update concerning the heritage designation for the property located at 125 to 127 Dunlop Street East. He indicated that staff in the Development Services Department were previously unable to meet the deadline to have a heritage designation bylaw passed. It is anticipated that by-law will go to City Council in October, 2023. Mr. Wierzba agreed to provide a verbal update at the next Committee meeting.

FARMERS MARKET/OPEN AIR DUNLOP

The Committee discussed their participation at the Barrie Farmers Market and Open Air Dunlop. Craig Froese, Kayleigh MacKinnon, and Sarah MacKinnon volunteered at these events, and attended the City's Culture Days. Mr. Froese advised that there are slots available for a booth at the Barrie Farmers Market during the winter, and that organizers are keen to partner with the Committee for Heritage Week in February, 2024. Ms. S. MacKinnon suggested that more members volunteer going forward.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Acquiring a trolley to help with the transport of materials for these events;
- Designing a 'Did You Know?' sign with different facts about the city's heritage;
- Designing a banner with old heritage pictures of the city;
- Adding old pictures and description of the history of the Barrie Farmers Market where the original arch is located; and

- Designing a storyboard or photobook of the history of the Barrie Farmers Market

HERITAGE BARRIE AWARDS

The Committee discussed expanding the categories for the Heritage Barrie Awards and broadening the reach of the Committee.

The Committee discussed the following ideas:

- Recognizing individuals who have served the community, or who are keeping traditional heritage alive;
- Recognizing businesses who have been around a long time, or who are maintaining old buildings;
- Sponsoring the Communities in Bloom heritage award for flowers; and
- Getting younger generation interested in city heritage through a story/essay/poem competition.

The Committee discussed broadening communications for the Heritage Barrie Awards, including social media advertising and getting the other Councillors in promoting the awards.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee budget up to $500.00 for costs associated with communication initiatives to promote the Heritage Barrie Awards.

STATUS OF MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, provided an update concerning the Municipal Heritage Register and the impacts of Bill #23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022 legislation. Mr. Wierzba advised that the correspondence had been forwarded to Municipal Heritage Register listed property owners, and that twenty-three individuals have indicated their intent to designate their properties as heritage. Mr. Wierzba reported that as part of the designated process, that staff in Development Services would need to find a consultant that would need to review each of the properties, but that there are limited resources available. Mr. Wierzba further reported as per Bill #23, that this process would need to be completed before January 1, 2025, or the listed properties would be removed from the Municipal Heritage Register and would have to remain off the register for five years. Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr. Wierzba and received responses.

Mr. Wierzba advised the Committee that a request was received from the property owners of 194 Collier Street to have their property added to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property. Mr. Wierzba discussed the historical attributes of the property. Property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Rick and Louise LeRoux were present and answered questions from members of the Committee. The Committee agreed to add this property to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property.

SECTION "B"

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER - 194 COLLIER STREET

That 194 Collier Street be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as a listed property.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Affordability Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/18/2023.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, advised that no new development applications have been received that require feedback from the Committee.

HERITAGE PLAQUES

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, provided an update concerning the Heritage Plaques.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee budget up to $3875.90 for costs associated with the seven Heritage Plaques that were installed last year.

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD GUIDES

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, provided an update concerning the Historic Neighbourhood Guides. Members of the Committee suggested additions to both the paper and digital formats.

COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The Committee discussed the following:

- Rebranding of the 'Finding Barrie: A Guide to Plaques and Markers in the City of Barrie' guide
- Establishing heritage districts
- The Navy Cadets building
- Tree planting project

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CHAIRMAN